

CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

1. (Currently amended) A dish drainer and tray set comprising:
a dish drainer having a perforate base and a perimeter wall
5 extending upward from the base, the perimeter wall and base
defining an interior of the dish drainer;
at least one compartment formed contiguous with the
perimeter wall and extending within the interior;
a separate and discrete tray having a footprint larger than the base
10 of the dish drainer when the tray is in a first deployed
configuration, the discrete tray being positionable
substantially beneath the base of the dish drainer; and
the discrete tray being compactable to a second storage
configuration and positionable entirely within the interior of
15 the dish drainer when the tray is in the second storage
configuration.
2. (Original) The set of claim 1 wherein the tray is made from a
synthetic resin.
- 20 3. (Previously amended) The set of claim 1 wherein the tray includes
at least one hinge, and wherein the tray is folded about the hinge
when the tray is converted from the deployed to the storage
configuration.
- 25 4. (Original) The set of claim 3 wherein the tray is made from a
synthetic resin and each hinge is a live hinge.
- 30 5. (Original) The set of claim 1 wherein the tray is flexible and is rolled
up to convert it from its deployed to its storage configuration.

6. (Original) The set of claim 5 wherein the tray is made from a synthetic resin.
- 5 7. (Original) The set of claim 5 wherein the tray includes a lock for maintaining the tray in its storage configuration.
- 10 8. (Original) The set of claim 7 wherein the tray has an upper surface and a lower surface and the lock comprises a plurality of pegs on one of the surfaces and a plurality of holes on the other of the surfaces located so that the pegs and holes are aligned when the tray is in its storage position and the pegs are inserted into the holes.
- 15 9. (Original) The set of claim 1 further comprising a silverware compartment which is readily detachable from or attachable to the tray.
- 20 10. (Original) The set of claim 9 wherein the compartment includes first locking components and the tray includes second locking components, the first and second locking components being locked together when the compartment is attached to the tray.
- 25 11. (Original) The set of claim 10 wherein one of the first and second locking components is a plurality of pegs and the other of the first and second locking components is a plurality of holes sized to receive the pegs.
- 30 12. (Previously amended) The set of claim 9 wherein the silverware compartment is sized to fit entirely within the drainer interior when the tray is in the storage configuration.

13. (Currently amended) A combination dish drainer, tray set and package comprising:

a dish drainer having a bottom, walls and an open top which together define a drainer interior;

5 a first compartment formed contiguous with at least one of the walls and extending within the interior;

a second compartment formed contiguous with at least one of the walls and extending within the interior;

10 a tray configurable in a first compacted storage configuration and a second deployed configuration, the tray fitting entirely within the drainer interior when in the storage configuration and having a footprint greater than the bottom of the drainer when in the deployed configuration, the tray being in its storage configuration; and

15 a package sized to contain the drainer, wherein the package is too small to contain the tray when in the deployed configuration.

14. (Previously amended) The combination dish drainer, tray set and package of claim 13 wherein the package is selected from the group consisting of corrugated, folding carton, or plastic film packages or packages made from combinations thereof.

15. (Previously amended) The combination dish drainer, tray set and package of claim 13 wherein the tray is folded in the storage configuration.

16. (Currently amended) The ~~set and package~~ combination dish drainer, tray set and package of claim 13 wherein the tray is rolled in its the storage configuration.

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17. (Previously amended) The combination dish drainer, tray set and package of claim 13 further including a silverware compartment selectively attachable to and detachable from the tray when the tray is in the deployed configuration, the compartment also placed within the drainer interior.

18. (Previously added) The set of claim 1 further including packaging sized to contain the dish drainer, wherein the packaging is not of sufficient size to contain the tray when the tray is in the first deployed configuration.

19. (Previously added) The set of claim 18 wherein the packaging is a plastic film.

20. (New) A dish drainer and tray set comprising:
a dish drainer having a perforate base and a perimeter wall
extending upward from the base, the perimeter wall and base
defining an interior of the dish drainer;
a separate and discrete tray having a footprint larger than the base
of the dish drainer when the tray is in a first deployed
configuration, the discrete tray being positionable
substantially beneath the base of the dish drainer and
capable of collecting and redirecting water from the dish
drainer; and
the discrete tray being compactable to a second storage
configuration and positionable entirely within the interior of
the dish drainer when the tray is in the second storage
configuration.